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Dear District Administrators:

An important component of every child graduating college and career ready is the connection between health and academics. Healthy schools create an environment where students can become fit, healthy, and ready to learn. The Student Services/Prevention and Wellness team administers two awards, Driven to Better Health and the Wisconsin School Health Award, which schools can apply for in the areas of physical activity, nutrition, and family engagement.

Driven to Better Health is an innovative approach to creating a positive nutrition and physical activity environment. In partnership with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and retired Green Bay Packer Donald Driver, this program awards schools for improving nutrition, physical education, and physical activity programs. Driven to Better Health has award levels of bronze, silver, and gold where schools can receive up to \$250. For more information or to apply, please visit http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_driventohealth.

The Wisconsin School Health Award recognizes and celebrates schools with policies, programs, and the infrastructure to support and promote healthy eating, physical activity, parental and community involvement, and staff wellness. The goal of this award is to motivate and empower Wisconsin schools as they create and maintain healthy school environments. The Wisconsin School Health Award also has bronze, silver, and gold levels. All award winners are honored at the annual Wisconsin Health and Physical Education Conference, and are presented with a star and plaque. Additionally, each award winning school receives a complimentary Wisconsin Health and Physical Education membership for one person from the awarded school. For information or to apply, please visit http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_wischoolhealthaward.

If your school is interested in learning more about creating a healthy school environment, please visit the department's Student Services/Prevention and Wellness homepage at <http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov> or contact Eileen Hare at (608) 267-9234, eileen.hare@dpi.wi.gov.

Sincerely,



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